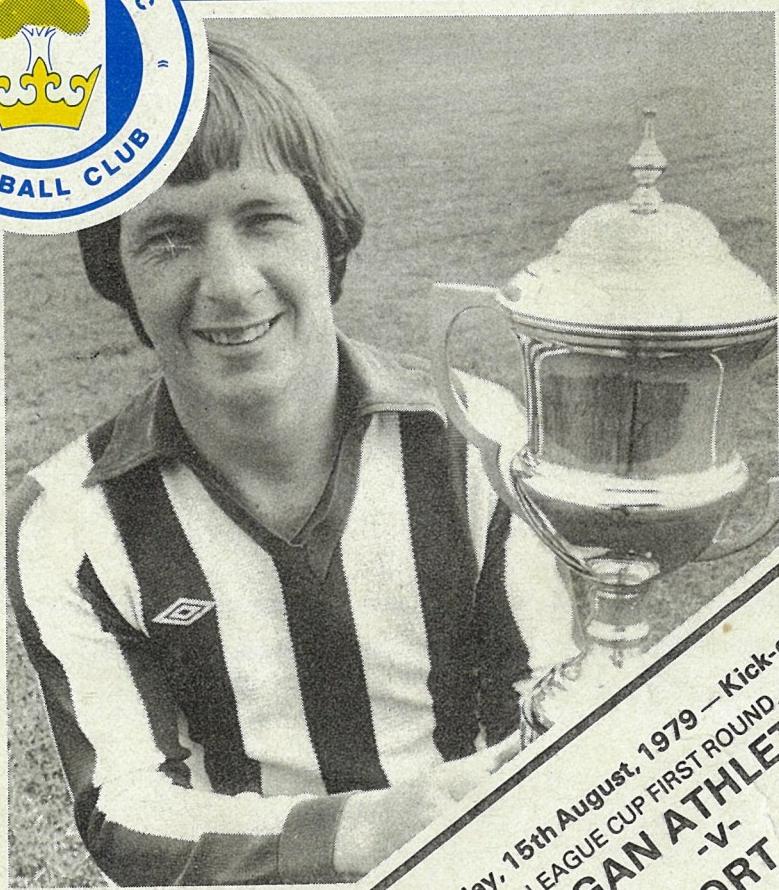


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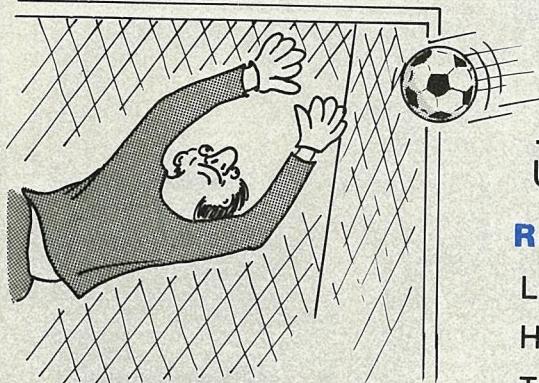
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Our front page pic this week features Tommy Gore, Player of the Year 1979-1980, with the Wigan Observer Trophy. (Photo by courtesy of the Wigan Observer).

# Personally Speaking

by Ian McNeill



I WOULD like to open my notes for the 1979/80 season with a very warm thank you to our supporters for their magnificent support in our initial year of League Football. Both in quantity and quality you did us proud. We trust we made it all worthwhile with an excellent first season. After a shaky start I feel we acquitted ourselves well.

I trust we can get off to a good start this time, as it is worth noting that the four teams eventually gaining promotion last year were the same teams who were topping the league in September.

Whatever happens, you can be sure of one thing, we, the Management and playing staff of Wigan Athletic will endeavour to give you, our fans, another season to remember.

### Welcome to Stockport County.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mike Summerbee and the Stockport side to Springfield Park. One of the best footballers in England in recent times, Mike has been working hard to mould an entertaining and successful side at Edgeley Park. I am sure success will eventually come his way.

### Welcome to our New Signings.

**Bob Ward** — After operating last season with only one recognised goalkeeper, I was delighted to be able to persuade Bob to join us. Bob was six years with West Brom, before leaving to join Blackpool and ex. Wigan Manager, Allan Brown for a £20,000 fee. Once Allan Brown left Blackpool, things didn't go well for Bob. I trust his stay with us will be long and successful.

**George Urquhart** — This is the second time I have signed George, and from my previous knowledge of him at Ross County, I see him as a really versatile player who can play equally well in mid-field or up front. He excels going forward. With previous experience at St. Mirren and Dunfermline, I am sure he will be a valuable addition to our staff.

Enjoy this evening's match.

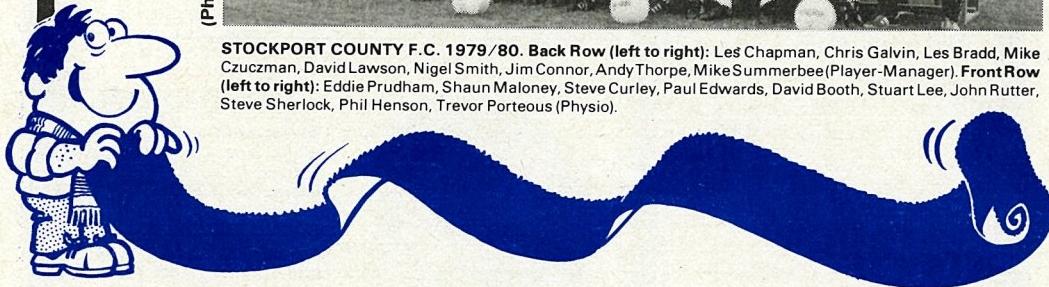
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# WELCOME TO

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**STOCKPORT COUNTY F.C. 1979/80.** Back Row (left to right): Les Chapman, Chris Galvin, Les Bradd, Mike Czuczman, David Lawson, Nigel Smith, Jim Connor, Andy Thorpe, Mike Summerbee (Player-Manager). Front Row (left to right): Eddie Prudham, Shaun Maloney, Steve Curley, Paul Edwards, David Booth, Stuart Lee, John Rutter, Steve Sherlock, Phil Henson, Trevor Porteous (Physio).



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# STOCKPORT COUNTY

WHATEVER the outcome of tonight's game with Stockport County, the Wigan Athletic side and their fans are sure to have witnessed a titanic struggle. Way back, we were accustomed to having to fight almost to the death to defeat sides in the capable hands of the current Stockport Chairman, Mr. F. Pye. If one adds the professional stature of Mike Summerbee to the equation, then there is little doubt that Wigan Athletic will need to produce a top-drawer performance to remove their Edgeley Park visitors from the Football League Cup.

Last season, in a fine advertisement for Fourth Division Soccer, we gained two points at Stockport in a highly competitive game. Although we duly completed the double later in the season, it was only when Mike Summerbee left the field of play, having risked aggravation to an existing injury by playing when he should have taken a break that the closing stages of the game became much easier for the Wigan boys.

For Stockport County, last year's Football League Cup games against Shrewsbury Town and Manchester United were high spots in an otherwise disappointing season. Apart from the glamour of drawing a plum game against their near neighbours from Old Trafford, the financial rewards were considerable. In weighing up the prospects for tonight's game, we should realise that a successful run in the Football League Cup means as much to a Fourth Division side as a lengthy F.A. Cup run used to mean to Wigan

Athletic in their non-league days. With the stakes high, Springfield Park will be no place for faint hearts tonight.

Last season, the talk at Stockport County was of the goalscoring threat posed by Les Bradd and Stuart Lee. This year, Mike Summerbee has introduced three very determined and experienced professionals into his squad — Mike Czuczman (pronounced Churchman) a centre back of the old school, Chris Galvin a fine creative midfield player, and Les Chapman a midfield ever-present in Oldham Athletic's Second Division side last season. With these signings, the Stockport Manager has gone a long way towards replacing the talents of Ken Fogarty and Terry Park lost to North American Soccer towards the end of last season.

Mike Summerbee is already predicting that his side could well be promotion hopefuls this time around. Backed by a Board of Directors who are demanding a quick return for their recent heavy investments on the playing side, the ex-Manchester City star may well be proved right at the end of the day.

One new feature of this year's Stockport County which will not be in evidence tonight is their Argentinian-styled playing strip, although we are forewarned that the Stockport yellow and green second strip is to say the least eye-catching!!

Welcome then to Stockport County and may the game be worthy of the occasion — the first competitive game of the 1979—1980 Season to be staged at Springfield Park.

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## Commercial Chatter

THE LAST MONTH, to say the very least has been rather hectic. In addition to revising the structure of the bingo and lottery ticket operations, grappling with the problems of putting a revamped programme to bed, organising a special train to Darlington, trying to launch a newly-decorated Soccer Shop, establishing new selling points on the ground and handling various aspects of advertising and sign-writing, some attempt has been made to tackle the matter of sponsorship.

We are currently looking to attract a major sponsor, who it is hoped will inject a useful cash sum into the Football Club coffers in return for advertising facilities and other beneficial considerations. Liverpool recently announced a deal with Hitachi, yet the Football Association were unable to find a suitable sponsor for the F.A. Charity Shield game. There are indications that there has been some tightening up on budgets within industrial and commercial concerns. However, our search continues and we are hopeful of achieving some success in the near future.

With regard to minor sponsorship, we are still looking for match ball donors and sponsors for individual games, while our "goalometer" has yet to be fully exposed. Other ventures are under review and these will be publicised as and when they come into being.

We are particularly pleased that tonight's

match has been sponsored by the Micron Electrical Company of Gidlow Lane, Wigan. Micron have carried out a variety of jobs, both large and small, for the Wigan Athletic Football Club during the close season, and the promptness and efficiency of their service is commendable. Micron's recent decision to involve themselves even more fully with television rental looks like being a very profitable move. The competitive rental rates offered must attract attention. Many thanks, Micron, for your interest shown in our club!!!

The match ball for tonight's game is donated by Publicity Print Services of Ashton-in-Makerfield, and this again is a pleasing development. Publicity Print have impressed us with their enthusiasm and expertise shown in tackling the job of producing our new match programme. The co-operation we have received has been first-rate and we look forward to a busy, eventful and productive relationship with PPS.

Several words of thanks are also due to our advertisers in the match programme and the varied newspaper features which have marked the beginning of the new season. In these times, when budgets have to be watched most carefully, we welcome their involvement and we ask our supporters to note the names of these generous people who have shown their faith in the club. Please do your best to acknowledge their support by utilising their services and purchasing their products should the opportunity present itself to you.

Best wishes for a wonderful season.  
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# Lancashire League Scene

THE FOUR or five weeks prior to the opening game of the season are always hectic at Reserve team level and this year has been no exception at Springfield Park.

A very successful first season last year, when the reserve team finished high in the league, coupled with the marvellous achievements of the Club in its first season in the Football League has made Wigan a popular choice for young players to join. This reflected in the number of requests for trials from boys anxious to play for Wigan.

So in addition to the rigorous pre-season training schedule all the boys who have applied for trials are put through their paces so they can show what they can do.

The skill level required is quite high because the Lancashire League is a good league, ideal for young players to learn and also to

play against good players as they make their way in the game; but any young players who feel they have the necessary attributes to be a professional footballer will always be given a chance at Wigan Athletic.

The league has been increased this season to include Burnley and Altrincham, bringing a total of 20 clubs, plus the introduction of the two substitute rule giving clubs more scope for blooding young players.

The Reserve team have four pre-season friendly matches, all away from home (in order to preserve the Springfield Park pitch), the final one at St. Helens Town on Tuesday, 15th August. We take on the Cheshire League side prior to the first game of the season against newcomers Altrincham on Monday evening 20th August, kick off 7.30 p.m.

I look forward to seeing some of you there.

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# Player Profile

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## JOHN BROWN (Goalkeeper)

IT IS SAD indeed that tonight's subject of Player Profile will probably read this programme from his bed in Wrightington Hospital, where he underwent a knee operation at the end of last week. John has our very best wishes for a successful outcome to the operation and a speedy return to full fitness.

John Christopher Brown started playing football as a trialist centre-forward at Greengates Junior School, Bradford but at the early age of seven was persuaded to have a go in goal. He has played in that position ever since.

As a Secondary School pupil, he represented his home town of Bradford in the Yorkshire Schools' Athletic Championships, clearing five feet and one inch in the High Jump and gaining third place. He was also a strong swimmer, gaining swimming and life-saving awards. Football, however, was John's main sport, and he played for Bradford Boys, in a side which reached the semi-finals of the English Schools' Trophy and won the Yorkshire County Cup.

After serving sixteen months as an apprentice joiner, John signed for Preston North End and made his debut as a seventeen year old in a Preston side which lost 2 - 4 to Bolton Wanderers. John stayed at Preston for eleven and a half years, before moving on to Stockport County. Being released by Preston was one of the biggest disappointments John had ever experienced. He did not stay long with County, however, moving to Wigan Athletic after twelve months, and what good service he has given our club since he joined us.

Although occasionally criticised for the kind of mistakes which all goalkeepers make from time to time, John has turned in a consistently high level of performance. His experience and bravery served us well last season, particularly in the period when we were emerging from the early season shadows, gaining in confidence and beginning the long haul towards the promotion battle.

While recovering from his operation, John will have several weeks to indulge in his favourite pastimes of reading and listening to records.

Come back soon, John, we need you!!!

### Just to let you know that . . .

MR. & MRS. ALAN MUIR celebrated their Silver Wedding in style at Haigh Hall during the close season. The club was well represented at the function by directors, management, staff and players.

Neil Davids and his lovely lady, Paula Rundle of Swansea, have recently announced their engagement. Both are hoping to develop their already flourishing business interests in the Blackpool area.

Still beside the seaside, Anne (the daughter of Company Secretary, Derek Welsby) and her fiance Michael Foster of Blackpool are already

planning for their great day, next May. Mike works for the Football League at Lytham St. Annes.

Back in action, after an operation and a spell of convalescence, is Mrs. Merle Ward. Merle, who is now principally involved with the Football side of club affairs, will nevertheless be responsible for the Soccer Shop, with husband Ken, on match days. She is looking as bright, alert and attractive as ever.

Welcome to Mrs. Helen Turner and Mrs. Carole Wakefield, who will boost the Commercial Department's staffing. These attractive ladies are sure to be good for business. We wish them a long and happy stay.

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IAN PURDIE prepares to slip away from the outstretched boot of the Barnsley defender.

# Springfield Spotlight

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The 'Evening Post and Chronicle'.



NOEL WARD and ALLAN CLARKE appear to be setting themselves for a clashing of limbs as they dispute possession.

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# Down Memory Lane

by Harold Ashurst

**DOWN MEMORY LANE** is exactly what the title implies. I plan to go back over the years and record past matches in Athletic's history, right from their formation.

They will not be in any chronological order, but the pattern will be that I shall take a match from the past played on the date, or near enough, to the corresponding date this season.

I plan to recall matches and personalities both recent, and not so recent, so as to stir the minds of the younger supporters and those who have been at Springfield Park a good few years.

The first match to come under the spotlight is the opening game of the 1962 Cheshire League season when Latics entertained Wrexham Reserves at Springfield Park.

The score was 3 - 3 and the report in the Wigan Observer at the time, written by my colleague, Allan Rimmer, began: "If any soccer season has started more dramatically than Saturday's Big Kick-off at Springfield Park then I've yet to see it".

With half an hour to go Latics were losing 3 - 1. The forwards played well but defensive mistakes let them down and they were punished with three goals from the Welshmen via Parrish and Metcalf (2). The Wigan goalscorer was Kinsella.

New signing Pat Kinsella pulled one back for Latics and with twelve minutes to go the home side were awarded a penalty.

Full back Derek Houghton ambled up from the right back position, as he so often did, and stroked the ball into the corner of the net to put Wigan on level terms.

The Wigan team that day was: Richardson, Houghton, Briars, Hennin, Higgins, Roper, Morgans, Kinsella, Lyon, Bradbury and O'Loughlin. The attendance was 3,045.

An interesting comment in the report said: "Centre forward Harry Lyon had perhaps the least welcome role of the afternoon. He had to convince fans steeped in the Peter Higham tradition of orthodox attack leading that his tearaway, chase-anything style was effective enough to grace Springfield Park ..." Later games were to convince even the most sceptical of fans.

## LATICS AWAY

SPECTATORS who are not travelling by Charter Train or Motor Coach to Darlington on Saturday, 18th August, 1979, for our first Fourth Division League Fixture, but intend to travel by private car are advised of the following route.

Leave the Wigan area by trunk roads which link up with the M.61 and M.62

Motorways. Follow the M.62 in an easterly direction until Exit 33 (near Pontefract) at the junction with the A.1. Head northwards on the A.1, eventually joining the A.66M and the A.66 signposted Darlington. At roundabout take fourth exit into Victoria Road for Darlington Football Club (Feethams Ground). You are particularly asked to note that next Saturday's game kicks off at 3.15 p.m. Enjoy your trip!

# Facts and Figures

Home fixtures in capitals.  
Wigan scores first.

Player scoring in bold.  
† Player substituted.

<sup>2</sup> Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.  
\* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	Fixture	F	A	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Aug 15	STOCKPORT FLC1															
Aug 18	Darlington															
Aug 22	HUDDERSFIELD															
Aug 25	Stockport County															
Aug 29	League Cup 2															
Sep 1	PORTRUSH															
Sep 5	League Cup 2															
Sep 8	Bournemouth															
Sep 15	YORK CITY															
Sep 19	HARTELEPOOL															
Sep 22	Hereford United															
Sep 29	BRADFORD CITY															
Oct 2	Hartlepool United															
Oct 6	TORQUAY UNITED															
Oct 9	Huddersfield Town															
Oct 13	Doncaster Rovers															
Oct 20	LINCOLN CITY															
Oct 24	ROCHDALE															
Oct 27	Newport County															
Nov 3	DARLINGTON															
Nov 6	Rochdale															
Nov 9	TRANMERE ROVERS															
Nov 17	SCUNTHORPE															
Nov 24	F.A. Cup 1															
Dec 1	NORTHAMPTON															
Dec 8	Walsall															
Dec 15	F.A. Cup 2															
Dec 21	CREWE															
Dec 26	Peterborough															
Dec 29	STOCKPORT															
Jan 1	PORTRUSH															
Jan 5	Halifax Town															
Jan 12	Portsmouth															
Jan 19	BOURNEMOUTH															
Jan 26	ALDERSHOT															
Feb 2	York City															
Feb 9	HEREFORD UNITED															
Feb 16	Bradford City															
Feb 23	DONCASTER															
Feb 29	Lincoln City															
Mar 8	NEWPORT COUNTY															
Mar 14	Torquay United															
Mar 22	TRANMERE															
Mar 29	Scunthorpe United															
Apr 4	Crewe Alexandra															
Apr 5	PETERBOROUGH															
Apr 7	Port Vale															
Apr 12	HALIFAX TOWN															
Apr 19	Northampton Town															
Apr 26	WALSALL															
May 3	Aldershot															

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HOME AWAY																
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Grimsby	46	15	5	3	51	23	11	4	8	31	26	61				
Wimbledon	46	18	3	2	50	20	7	8	8	28	26	61				
Barnsley	46	15	5	3	47	23	9	8	6	26	19	61				
Aldershot	46	16	5	2	38	14	4	12	7	25	33	56				
Wigan	46	14	5	4	40	24	7	8	8	23	24	55				
Newport	46	12	5	6	39	28	9	5	9	27	27	52				
Portsmouth	46	13	7	3	35	12	7	5	11	27	36	52				
York	46	11	6	6	33	24	7	5	11	18	31	47				
Huddersfield	46	13	8	2	32	15	5	3	15	25	38	47				
Torquay	46	14	4	5	38	24	5	4	14	20	41	46				
Scunthorpe	46	12	3	8	33	30	5	8	10	21	30	45				
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Hereford	46	12	8	3	35	18	3	5	15	18	35	43				
Bradford	46	11	5	7	38	26	6	4	13	24	42	43				
Port Vale	46	8	10	5	29	28	6	4	13	28	42	42				
Stockport	46	11	5	7	33	21	3	7	13	25	39	40				
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Northampton	46	12	4	7	40	30	3	5	15	24	46	39				
Rochdale	46	11	4	8	25	26	4	5	14	22	38	39				
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Crewe	46	3	7	13	24	41	3	7	13	19	49	26				

LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1																
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Liverpool 'A'	38	24	9	5	96	41	41	57								
Oldham Athletic Res.	38	26	4	8	102	43	43	56								
Everton 'A'	38	21	10	7	78	35	35	52								
Manchester United 'A'	38	23	6	9	87	44	44	52								
Tranmere Rovers Res.	38	20	10	8	85	46	46	50								
Wigan Athletic Res.	38	20	8	10	92	53	53	48								
Chester 'A'	38	18	11	9	68	46	46	47								
Manchester City 'A'	38	17	11	10	54	41	41	45								
Carlisle United Res.	38	18	6	14	85	56	56	42								
Wrexham Res.	38	14	6	18	61	65	65	34								
Southport Res.	38	10	14	14	42	61	61	34								
Bradford City Res.	38	9	9	20	47	87	87	27								
Crewe Alexandra 'A'	38	9	8	21	56	87	87	26								
Blackpool 'A'	38	9	7	22	49	63	63	25								
Rochdale Res.	38	8	8	22	35	84	84	24								
Macclesfield Town Res.	38	9	6	23	50	103	103	24								
Stockport County 'A'	38	6	11	21	42	85	85	23								
Bolton Wanderers 'B'	38	7	2	29	35	110	110	16								
Morecambe Res.	38	3	9	26	35	113	113	15								

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# Fourth Division Focus

by Chris Gill



DURING THE close season, as one might expect, there has been quite a bit of chopping and changing, particularly among the new faces in the Fourth Division — Walsall, Peterborough United, Lincoln City and Tranmere Rovers.

Down at Prenton Park, Tranmere feel they have hit a gold mine with the signing from Carlisle of 24 year old Jim Lumby. In his first game for the club Jim scored a hat trick and then scored the winner in a Cheshire cup tie against today's opponents Stockport County.

Over at Fellows Park, the fans are hailing the return of Alan Buckley who scored more than 120 goals for the club before moving to Birmingham City. Now both Birmingham and Walsall are relegated, Birmingham have their £200,000 outlay back and Alan is in the hot seat at Walsall.

Peterborough United, having failed to beat the drop, have been doing a little clearing out. Gone from London Road are midfield man Bobby Doyle and striker Barry Butlin.

Meanwhile at Lincoln City, the Imps may have to start the season without defender Phil Neale. For Phil plays cricket for

Worcestershire, and only recently scored 163 not out against Notts in a championship match.

It was nice to see Everton boss Gordon Lee remembering one of his former players by taking his team to Vale Park to play Port Vale in a testimonial for former full back John Brodie. The clear winner was Brodie — the game ended in a draw.

Having been re-elected, Halifax have been busy trying to strengthen their squad. One of their early signings was Paul Hendrie, the former Birmingham and Bristol Rovers player. The fee is rumoured to be about £5,000.

It is interesting to note the findings of the new tribunal set up to arbitrate on fees for players where clubs can't agree.

Portsmouth are one side who won't have any complaints, they acquired Alan Rogers from Plymouth for £25,000 when Plymouth had wanted £30,000, and Steve Aizlewood from Swindon for £45,000 when Swindon had asked £80,000.

Crewe didn't do badly either. They signed Danny Bowers from Stoke City for £8,000 after the Potters had suggested £25,000.

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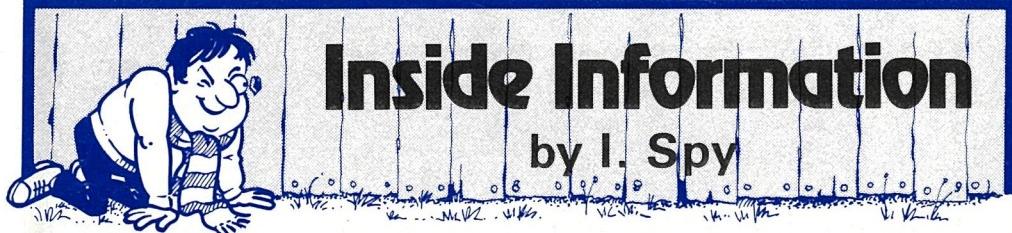
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## **Inside Information**

**by I. Spy**

THERE IS no truth in the rumour that Jack Day, Walter Kennedy and Tommy Iddon have been offered contracts by the McAlpine Organisation. Jack Day denies that he has ever said "Terrace them a paddock and they are sure to ask you to build a ..... motorway."

The Queen of the Laundry Room, Mrs. Irene Deacon, narrowly escaped the clutches of the law early last week. Arriving early to work to get off to a good start with the mountain of washing brought back from Scotland, Irene accidentally triggered off the alarm. In next to no time, a flying squad of burly officers arrived to investigate. Things looked black for Irene, until, she offered to show the officers her tub and rollers. So early in the morning, this was all too much for the policemen, who cautioned Irene to be more careful in future, before dashing off to another pressing engagement.

Arthur Moss, our Club Steward, was highly delighted when he was given permission to leave his car secure inside the ground while he went away on holiday. On his return, however, Arthur was less than pleased to discover two flat tyres and his car customised with aluminium paint droplets blown from a floodlight pylon and mortar streaks shot from a concrete-mixer!!!

Commercial Manager Jack Sudworth prides himself on keeping abreast of activities, but last week he had no alternative but to refuse a very tempting offer. A lady supporter in her middle years, and bonny with it, offered to display button badges on her frontage, in return for receiving several free samples. Although interested in establishing new selling-points, Jack considered that the lady's fully-stocked display cabinet might have provided unfair competition for the club shop and gracefully declined the offer.

THE COMMITTEE and staff of the Supporters' Club wish to extend a cordial invitation to all football supporters to visit and become members of the "LATICS SUPPORTERS' CLUB".

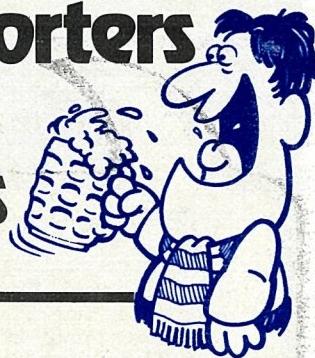
We are now full members of the "National Federation of Supporters' Clubs", which can be of advantage to our members when visiting other grounds in the Football League.

Our programme of entertainment features most of the top-line cabaret acts in Wigan and District, and for reference, for the remainder of August we present:-

**Saturday, 18th August Paul Darren  
Sunday, 19th August Liberty Belles  
Saturday, 25th August Guy Kempton  
Sunday, 26th August Stuart Paul.**

Membership, which entitles you to full use of all the facilities is 60 pence per person, with a special privilege rate

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of 30 pence for Senior Citizens.

During the last twelve months, the installation of gas central heating, bar alterations and redecoration have made the club a very pleasant venue for social activities. Come along and join in the fun!

Hoping to see you soon, and with our sincere best wishes for a successful season.

**Peter Woods.**



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# A last word from the chairman . . .

TONIGHT'S Football League Cup-Tie opens our 1979/80 campaign at Springfield Park, and I am sure that the Stockport County boys will provide stern opposition in the struggle to reach the second round, which, for the first time, will also be on a two-legged basis.

I extend a hearty welcome to all our supporters for this new season and especially to those, who, by their loyal support during last season, enabled us to attain third place in the Fourth Division attendance table.

Last year, both at home and away, we proved beyond doubt that we had quickly made the grade and that we were in the Football League to stay.

Improvements to the ground in the close season include:

Fitting seats throughout the main stand —

Terracing in front of the main stand — Repainting the floodlight pylons —

Erecting new toilets and refurbishing existing ones — Raising the height of the perimeter wall — Re-tiling plunge baths in home and visitors' dressing rooms — Modernising the match officials' room by fitting new showers, etc. — General decorating and painting around the ground.

Further improvements are planned for the near future.

A lot has been done in a short time thanks to our ground staff and the voluntary workers who have sacrificed many evenings in a great team effort.

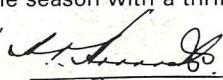
I would like to thank my co-Directors, Secretary, Manager, Players and staff for their unwavering support during the past year. My thanks also go to our Hon. Medical Officers, Dr. G. Menon and Dr. S.K. Ahuja and to anyone who has in any way, contributed to our recent success.

My grateful thanks also go to individuals and firms who have supported or intend to support us by sponsoring games or advertising on the ground or in our programme.

Last, but by no means least, I would like to welcome our friends from Stockport, and in particular Chairman Mr. Fred Pye and his Directors. I will endeavour to extend to them the same high standard of hospitality that they shower upon us whenever we visit Edgeley Park.

May we start the season with a thrilling and enjoyable game.

Yours sincerely,



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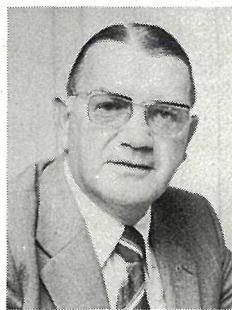
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## Teams

### WIGAN ATHLETIC (Royal Blue & White Stripes)

Bob Ward	1	David Lawson
Kevin Smart	2	Andy Thorpe
Joe Hinnigan	3	John Rutter
Tommy Gore	4	Paul Edwards
Noel Ward	5	Mike Czuczman
Dave Fretwell	6	Les Chapman
Frank Corrigan	7	Mike Summerbee
Micky Moore	8	Phil Henson
Peter Houghton	9	Les Bradd
Jeff Wright	10	Chris Galvin
Ian Purdie	11	Stuart Lee
Derek Brownbill	12	Steve Sherlock

### STOCKPORT COUNTY (Yellow & Green)

## Officials

### Referee:

Mr. Keith S. Hackett  
Commenced refereeing in 1960 in Sheffield. Progressed via Yorkshire and Northern Premier Leagues to Football League line and full list. Has acted as linesman at International level and the 1979 F.A. Cup Final. A Sales' Manager, he is married with two sons.

### Linesmen:

Red Flag  
Mr. S.W. Mason  
(Nelson)  
Yellow Flag  
Mr. Jas. Smith  
(Liverpool)

## Here next...

Wednesday, 22nd August, 1979. Kick off 7.30 p.m.  
**WIGAN ATHLETIC v HUDDERSFIELD TOWN**  
Football League Division Four